

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1121

Saturday, the 17th August 1946
1st Chingam 1122

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the Chair.

Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan, Mrs. K. M. R. Menon and Messrs. K. H. Sulaiman, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, T. V. Kochuvareed, P. E. Warne, S. S. Koder, K. Balakrishna Menon and the Director of Food Supplies were absent.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EX-SERVICEMEN—COCHINTES

427. Mr. K. Kochukuttan (Nominated): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the total number of war service men belonging to Cochin, who will get release by the end of 1121;

(b) how many of them in the estimate of the Government, will be employed in the Post-war Reconstruction scheme of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. (Chief Secretary to Government):

(a) Government have no information.

(b) Government have reserved for Ex-service men a large percentage of both permanent and officiating vacancies in the State Public Service. Besides these reserved vacancies in sanctioned posts there are large construction works which would also absorb large numbers of ex-service men.

Mr. K. Kochukuttan (Nominated): In answer to sub-division (a) it is stated Government have no information. Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry about this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. (Chief Secretary to Government): Yes. We are enquiring.

AFFRAY AT AZHICODE

428. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what steps were taken by Government to allay the fear of the people and restore tranquility in Azhicode after the so called affray of 9th Mithunam 1121.

(b) what investigation, if any, did Government conduct in the matter before they issued the Press Note, dated 3rd July 1946 on the subject;

(c) was any special officer of the Government deputed to conduct the investigations and if so, who was the Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. (Chief Secretary to Government):

(a) The Superior Officers of the Police Department and the District Magistrate visited the place soon after the incident and conducted enquiries about the incident. A section of the Armed Reserve was also stationed there for some time to prevent further breach of the peace.

(b) The matter was investigated by the Police and District Magistrate. The details of their investigations cannot be divulged, since the matter is sub-judice.

(c) Yes; the District Magistrate.

Chudhury G. S. Dhara Singh (Mattancheri): Did not this Council make a request to Government to constitute a non-official enquiry committee to enquire into the incidents there? Has Government taken any action about that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. (Chief Secretary to Government): That subject was fully discussed and Government expressed their position fully at that time. There is nothing more to add now.

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